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In re Application of

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FOR: SOLID IMAGING APPARATUS AND METHOD WITH COATING  
STATION

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December 10, 2001

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application in the manner set forth below.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, please delete lines 5-8 and substitute therefor:

--The present application is a continuation of Application No. 09/541,025, filed March 31, 2000, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/804,449, filed February 21, 1997 (now U.S. Patent 6,174,156 B1), which is a continuation Application No. 07/884,030, filed May 18, 1992 (now U.S. Patent 5,626,919), which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 07/804,269, filed December 5, 1991, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Application No. 07/488,095, filed March 1, 1990, now abandoned.--.